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The Subcommittee on National Policy Machinery will open this week a non-partisan series of hearings focused upon the National Security Council and the problem of coordination between the Departments of Defense and State, Henry M. Jackson, Subcommittee Chairman, announced today.

"Our hearings will have a triple aim," Jackson said. "First, to determine whether the policy-making machinery at the highest levels of our government is now adequate to identify and plan ahead on the critical issues of national survival. Second, to determine whether this same machinery promotes effective coordination of policies. Third, to make constructive recommendations for improvement where necessary."

On Tuesday afternoon, May 24, at 2:00 p.m., the Committee will meet in executive session to take testimony on the NSC from two former officials who served as Special Assistant for National Security Affairs to President Eisenhower. The witnesses are Brigadier General Robert Cutler and Mr. Dillon Anderson.

On Thursday, May 26, at 10:00 a.m., the Committee will meet in public session to hear from Mr. George Kennan, former Director of the Policy Planning Staff of the Department of State and subsequently United States Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Secretary of State Herter and Secretary of Defense Gates head a list of other distinguished witnesses who have been invited to appear before the subcommittee during the month of June.

Hearings will be held in the Government Operations Committee hearing room (3302 New Senate Office Building).

The Subcommittee on National Policy Machinery was established last year for the purpose of making the first full review of the national security process since the passage of the National Security Act of 1947. Its study is nonpartisan.

Serving with Jackson on the Subcommittee are Senators Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), Edmund S. Muskie (D., Me.), Karl E. Mundt (R., S. Dak.) and Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.).

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